APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 688 asked by Diwan Bahadur R. Srinivasan at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 1st February 1936, page 341 supra.]

Copy of post mortem certificate regarding the body of a male, aged about 40 years, named Nannu alias Munian, requisition received on 19th September 1935, at 11-30 a.m. from the Deputy Superintendent of Police, St. Thomas' Mount, with his letter, dated 18th September 1935. Body in charge of H.C. No. 522.

The body was first seen by the undersigned at 3 p.m. on 19th September 1935. Its condition then was cold. Rigor-mortis passed off. Decomposition proceeding.

Post mortem commenced at 3 p.m. on 19th September 1935.

Appearances found at the post mortem—

(1) Right half of upper and lower lips bruised.

(2) A contusion of 1½ inches across 5½ inches below the knee-joint and on skin.

(3) The contusion of the size of a pie over right cheek base.

(4) Small superficial abrasion behind the right elbow and left shoulder.

(5) A broad abraded mark 1⅛ inches across, not furrowed, starts abruptly from below the right mastoid, runs obliquely forwards, downwards and across the thyroid cartilage, passes to left upwards and ends ¾ inch behind left mastoid. It is faint over the thyroid cartilege and a bit narrow ¾ inch at the left mastoid. Not parchmentized, not leathery, except in one spot just below left mastoid. No bruising of tissues beneath or dilation of vessels.

(6) Stains of dried clay over the posterior part of the first interphalangeal joints of right middle and ring fingers.

(7) Heart—Right side empty. Left auricle contained two drams of dark fluid blood. Left ventrical half a dram of dark fluid blood. Heart soft, flabby and decomposed.

(8) Lungs—Large areas of hæmorrhage in lower lobes of both the lungs. Upper lobes dry, not conjested. Bronchial tubes and lower part of trachea contained blood-stained froth. Larynx upper part of trachea pale. Not conjested.

(9) Liver, spleen, kidneys, all not conjested. Brain pial vessel in front portion a little dilated. Eye-balls soft and flaccid. Conjunctrea pale. Pupils contracted and equal.

(10) Stomach—Six ounces of undigested rice and greenish sauce-like material.

(11) Bladder empty.

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(12) Intestine—Nil abnormal.

(13) A bruising under the skin of prepuce. Trail of saliva down the centre of the chest.

Viscera preserved for chemical examination.

Opinion reserved pending the receipt of the report from the Chemical Examiner.

Copy of Chemical Examiner's report.

On the viscera of the deceased Nannu alias Munian of Maduravoyal.

The following articles were received on 23rd ultimo through attendant Thiruvengadaswami under unbroken seals which correspond with the sample sent, viz.:—

(1) A bottle labelled "stomach and contents of Nannu alias Munian" and containing a decomposed stomach in a brown turbid liquid with sediment of boiled rice.

(2) A bottle labelled "Small intestines and contents of Nannu alias Munian" and containing a piece of decomposed small intestines in a brown turbid liquid.

(3) A bottle labelled "Liver and kidney of Nannu alias Munian" and containing pieces of decomposed liver and decomposed kidney in a dark brown turbid liquid.

(4) A bottle containing a sample of the spirit said to have been used in preserving the above visceral matters.

We examined the above articles and we obtained from the stomach and contents I, reactions indicating the probable presence of Oleander. We did not obtain the above reaction from the sample of spirit IV. We did not detect arsenic or mercury in the visceral matters and they were not suitable for further examination.

Opinion of the Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, Medical College, Madras.

If the presence of Oleander in the stomach is not responsible for the death of Nannu alias Munian as could be excluded from the history of poisoning symptoms, the appearances are not inconsistent with death from hanging and that the hæmorrhage in the lungs might be explained by manhandling.